

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING**  
January 9, 2012  
**WATER DISTRICT 37, BIG WOOD RIVER**  
**WATER DISTRICT 37M, LITTLE WOOD RIVER AND SILVER CREEK**

**ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER**

Frederic Brossy called the Annual Water Users meeting, held at the Old Hailey Courthouse in Hailey, Idaho for Water District 37, Big Wood River and Water District 37M, Little Wood River and Silver Creek, to order at 1:31 pm on January 9, 2012.

**ITEM #2 SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Gary Osborn made the motion that Frederic Brossy preside as the chairman of the January 9, 2012 Water District 37 & 37M annual meeting. Greg Lierman seconded the motion. Gerald Bashaw made a motion to close the nominations for Chairman. Gary Osborn seconded the motion. There was no discussion. There was no discussion. The motion for Frederic Brossy to preside as Chairman of the 2012 meeting passed unopposed.

**ITEM #3 SELECTION OF SECRETARY**

Chairman Brossy asked for nominations for secretary. Pepin Corso-Harris nominated Cyndi McCowan as secretary of the January 9, 2012 Water District 37 & 37M annual meeting. Gerald Bashaw seconded the motion. Gary Osborne made a motion to close the nominations for secretary. Greg Lierman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

**ITEM #4 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE 2011 ANNUAL MEETING**

Chairman Brossy asked if there were additions or corrections to the 2011 Water District 37 & 37M annual meeting minutes? Having heard none, Greg Lierman made the motion to accept the minutes from the 2011 Annual Meeting as presented. Gary Osborn seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

**ITEM #5 SELECTION OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

**ITEM #6 REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Chairman Brossy asked for comments on Items #5 and #6. He suggested tabling the selection of a credentials committee until the time there may be need for one. There was no credentials committee report.

**ITEM #7 ADOPTION OF 2012 DISTRICT 37 BUDGET**

**ITEM #8 ADOPTION OF 2012 DISTRICT 37M BUDGET**

Watermaster Kevin Lakey gave an overview of the 2012 budgets presented for adoption. He commented that a 3% increase had been included for the deputy watermasters and secretary. He pointed out the mileage reimbursement for the deputies had been increased by 11%. The medical insurance would also be increasing by 11%. The work at the Ketchum Gage station had been completed and the site had been on line during the 2011 season. The District would continue with funding of the Willow Creek site as it was determined the information provided was as beneficial to the Water District. He said the information provided by the site helped in determining the priority cuts during the delivery season.

Gary Osborn made the motion that the budgets of Water Districts 37 & 37M be adopted as presented. Gerald Bashaw seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

#### ITEM #9 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR DISTRICTS 37 & 37M

Greg Lierman made the motion to approve the 2012 resolutions as presented. Gary Osborn seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

#### ITEM #10 SELECTION OF ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Gerald Bashaw made a motion to accept the 2011 board members and add Sharon Lee to the Big Wood above Magic Reservoir seat vacated by Pete Van Der Meulen for 2012. Gary Osborn seconded the motion. The Water Districts 2012 advisory board members would be as follows:

<u>Bill Arkoosh</u>	<u>Little Wood Hydropower</u>
<u>Frederic Brossy</u>	<u>Lower Silver Creek/Little Wood River</u>
<u>Harvey Brauburger</u>	<u>American Falls Reservoir District #2</u>
<u>Jerry Nance</u>	<u>Big Wood Canal Company</u>
<u>Gerald Bashaw</u>	<u>Upper Silver Creek</u>
<u>Sharon Lee</u>	<u>Big Wood above Magic Reservoir</u>
<u>Howard Morris</u>	<u>Big Wood below Magic Reservoir</u>
<u>Allen Koyle</u>	<u>Big Wood Hydropower</u>

There was no more discussion. The motion passed unopposed.

#### ITEM #11 DISTRICT NEWS AND UPDATES

Watermaster Kevin Lakey gave an overview of the development of the Upper Wood Rivers Water Measurement District and its progress. He said there had been public meetings held and a Hydrographer and Secretary-Treasurer elected. He said the measurement district was not a regulatory authority, meaning it could not shut off wells but could notify the IDWR if there was non-compliance. Allen Merritt, IDWR, said the measurement district would move into a water district only after time and public hearings.

Watermaster Kevin Lakey gave the update on the 2012 goals for the Water Districts. The goals included the continuing work of updating the districts decree books and monitory of off-season water delivery. The GIS work had been discontinued because the Bureau of Reclamation had changed its mind on charging for the technology. The information obtained through the GIS program could be obtained free from Blaine County and the Department of Water Resources. He discussed some areas in the district where non-consumptive rights were being monitored closely to prevent or determine injury to others, continued work with IDWR, performance reviews of employees and improvement of automated water measurement and records. He said every year was unique, as in 2011, Heart Rock Ranch (Old Diamond Dragon Ranch) had not called for its water until late September. This non-call allowed many junior rights to run through the season.

Kevin told the group the Legacy Project would sunset at the end of 2012 due to lack of support. Allen Merritt, IDWR, said putting water into the Legacy Project was free, but a water user could have the option of putting it into the States Water Bank where an application fee of \$250 would apply. Kevin said a water user could qualify for CRP if the land had been farmed in the last two to five years.

ITEM #12 ADJOURN

Nick Purdy made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Gerald Bashaw seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully,

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Frederic Brossy  
Chairman  
Water District 37 & 37M

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Cyndi McCowan  
Sec./Treas.  
Water District 37 & 37M